REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1--4 are allowed.

Claims Cancelled

Claims 5-6 are cancelled without prejudice.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

This amendment is fully responsive to the pending Official Action.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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